

Chapter 13.36

BOATING REGULATIONS

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13.36.010 Towing prohibited in Huntington Harbour. No person shall tow from a vessel in the waters of Huntington Harbour any person in the water or on any object, other than a vessel, except where permitted in a designated special use area or during a special event authorized by the Director of the Community Services Department. (1806-2/63)

13.36.020 Speed limit. No owner, operator or person in command of any vessel, except a Police Officer, Fireman or Lifeguard in the performance of his duty, shall operate any vessel or permit any vessel to be operated in any portion of any harbor at a rate of speed in excess of five miles per hour, or in any such manner or at any rate of speed which would endanger the safety of persons or property. (1634-3/71)

13.36.030 Launching and hauling. No person shall launch or remove any vessel from the waters of a harbor over any public seawall, sidewalk, street or public property, except at locations where launching or removing vessels is conducted by a regular business which has the necessary equipment to do such work, or in those areas designated by the Director and posted for such purposes. Any launching site so designated and posted may be regulated by resolution of the City Council as to hours of launching, size of vessels to be launched, types of vessels to be launched, and the method and apparatus to be used in the launching. (1430-9/68)

13.36.040 Damaging harbor property. No person shall wilfully or negligently destroy, damage, disturb or deface or interfere with any buoy, float, life preserver, sign, navigational marking, mooring or similar property owned or used by the city or under the jurisdiction of the city or any other governmental agency. (1430-9/68)

13.36.050 Aircraft landings. No person shall navigate on or land on or take off from the waters of a harbor with any aircraft. (1430-9/68)

13.36.060 Airboats prohibited. No person shall operate on the waters of any harbor under the control of the city any vessel which is operated by mechanical air propulsion above the surface of the water. (1430-9/68)

13.36.070 Bulkhead lines. Pierhead and bulkhead lines are established for the Huntington Harbour area as said lines are shown or described in the records on file in the offices of the Director of Public Works and the City Clerk. (1634-3/71)

13.36.080 Mooring of vessels. No owner, operator or person in command of any vessel shall tie up or moor any vessel in a manner that creates a navigational hazard or dangerous condition as determined by the Orange County Harbor Patrol, nor shall such person place a pylon, dock, float, or other structure beyond the pierhead line. (1634-3/71, 2924-12/87, 3740-7/06)

13.36.090 Time limit for mooring. No owner, operator or person in command of any vessel shall tie up or moor any vessel at a public dock, float, wharf, sewer pump-out station, or other facility owned, leased or controlled by the city of Huntington Beach in excess of the time posted therefor. It shall be the duty of the Director of Community Services to establish such time limits and to post signs giving notice thereof. (2786-9/85, 2287-8/78)

13.36.100 Mooring of non city-owned vessels to public docks. No owner, operator or person in command of any non city-owned vessel shall tie up or moor any such vessel at a dock, float, wharf or other facility owned, leased or controlled by the city of Huntington Beach without prior authorization in writing from the Director of the Community Services Department. (2287-8/78)

13.36.110 Board vessel without permission. No person shall climb into or upon any vessel moored, docked or anchored in the harbors of the city without the consent of the owner or other in charge thereof, except that in the event of an emergency, public safety personnel may board any vessel to preserve health and safety. (2374-7/79)

13.36.120 Tampering with vessel. No person shall wilfully injure or tamper with, or break or remove any part of or from any vessel in the city, or tamper with the lines securing any such vessel, without the consent of the owner or other person in charge thereof. (2374-7/79)

13.36.130 Vessel tie-up method. Every vessel lying at any pier in any harbor of the city shall be fastened thereto with lines, at least from the bow and stern, and in such manner as to insure the security of such vessel. No permittee, or his authorized representative, shall permit or allow any vessel under his control, lying at any pier to be fastened in a manner other than that set out in this section. (2374-7/79)

13.36.140 Direct fueling prohibited. No person shall fuel any vessel with any petroleum product directly from a tank wagon or truck. (2374-7/79)

13.36.150 Living aboard prohibited. No person shall moor or dock any vessel in a harbor in the city for use as living quarters either permanently or for a period in excess of seventy-two (72) hours. The enforcement of this section shall be the joint responsibility of the Community Services Director and the Community Development Director, and their designated representatives, together with any Peace Officers having jurisdiction in the area in which a violation of this section is committed. (2463-12/80, 2374-7/79)

13.36.160 Abandoned vessel--Removal of. The chief of police, or his authorized agent, may remove, or cause to be removed, sell, destroy or otherwise dispose of any hulk, derelict, wreck or parts of any ship, vessel or other watercraft deemed "abandoned," as defined in section 522 of the California Harbors and Navigation Code, from any inland waters owned, operated and/or controlled by this city, including any public or private docks or slips therein in accordance with the procedure set forth in said section 522. (2374-7/79)

13.36.170 Docking vessel without permission. No person having charge of any vessel shall make the same fast to any pier, dock or slip in the harbors of the city, or permit the vessel to remain at such location after finishing loading or unloading such vessel, without the consent of the owner, agent, or person in charge on any such pier, dock or slip. (2951-8/88)